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Mr. Jack Fish
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Dear Mr. Fish:

This letter is in response to the request for public comment on proposed changes to the George Washington Memorial Parkway at Spout Run.

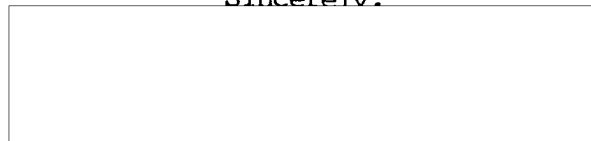
We would like to make two points for consideration in the analysis of options for Parkway improvements:

1. The selection of Langley for the CIA Headquarters was driven largely by the ability to reach downtown federal installations within 20 minutes. Since we have a national security mission, this is a very important consideration. Therefore, we support your efforts to relieve traffic congestion on the Parkway but hasten to add that whatever solution is adopted should leave us with a capability to move our people quickly into and out of the District. This requires 24-hour access to the Parkway by official vehicles, regardless of occupancy.

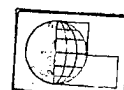
2. As you are well aware, we are currently in the midst of a building program that will increase the number of employees at Langley. It is important that your studies consider the impacts of each proposed alternative on Route 123. It would be unfortunate if improvements installed as part of our expansion were made obsolete by changes in Parkway operation. Conversely, we have been made aware of Virginia's plan to increase the capacity of Route 123. Obviously, this will have a dramatic impact on your plans for the Parkway.

John Byrne has been assisting us by representing the Park Service on the CIA Traffic Advisory Committee. He is well aware of our needs and can provide more detail on the possible relationships between Parkway and Route 123 traffic operations.

Sincerely,



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for
Administration



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